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In re Application of :
Takayuki Akahoshi : DECISION PETITION
Serial No.: 10/806,470 :
Filed: March 23, 2004 :
Title: PHACOEMULSIFICATION NEEDLE:

This is in response to the petition applicant filed on September 7, 2004 to make the above-identified application special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(d).

Applicant has satisfied the provisions set forth in M.P.E.P. 708.02, VIII, thus the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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